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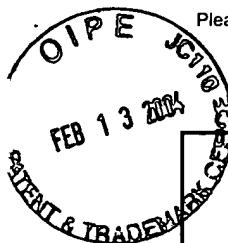
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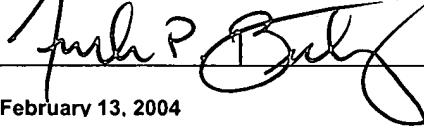
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1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding
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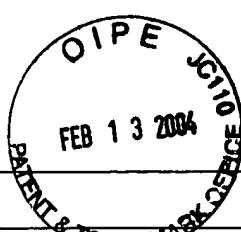
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